

Governor Huckabee Provides Special Tax Relief To Arkansans Who Are Not Able to Meet Filing Deadlines Because of the Terrorist Activities in New York City and Washington D C

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LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee announced today that taxpayers who are not able to meet Arkansas tax filing deadlines due to complications resulting from the terrorist attacks of last Tuesday may now be eligible for special tax relief. This special tax relief will be effective immediately for those Arkansas taxpayers affected by these attacks.

The attacks on the World Trade Center have disrupted the business activities of many tax consulting firms and financial institutions. As a result information necessary to complete tax returns or reports and to prepare and transmit payments may not be available. Therefore, Governor Huckabee is extending the time for filing Arkansas tax returns or reports normally due in September until December 15, 2001 for taxpayers directly affected by these terrorist attacks. To claim this special extension, taxpayers should include a statement with their return or report that the delay in filing is a direct result of the terrorist attacks. Waivers of penalty for returns or reports filed after the extended due date will be considered for taxpayers who supply additional justification of need. If you are not able to meet an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment obligation because of these tragedies, please contact: Income Taxes – David Foster, Administrator, 501-682-1130, or Excise Taxes – Tom Atchley, Administrator, 501-682-7200.

The Governor wants to assure the victims, families and others affected by the tragedies in New York and at the Pentagon that he and the Arkansas Revenue Division will do everything possible to provide administrative tax relief. Just as importantly, the Governor and Revenue Division will work to minimize the complication of tax issues during this terrible time.

Governor Huckabee extends his prayers and sympathies to the families, friends, government workers and others affected by this attack.